

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13, 71-88, 152-158, 164 and 165 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 8, 9, 80, 81, and 164 are withdrawn and remain pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courteous telephonic interview on October 7, 2008. The Statement of Substance of the Interview is as follows:

During the interview independent claim 1 was discussed in view of the prior art of record. The Examiner suggested that claim 1 and other independent claims are editorially amended for improved clarity and conformity. Applicant has amended the independent claims 1, 13, 71, 152, 155, and 158 and dependent claims 2, 4-7, 10, 11, 13, 74, 88, 153, and 154 to further clarify the claimed invention and for improved conformity and consistency. No new matter is being added. The Examiner indicated that if the rejection is to be maintained, Applicant's Representative will be contacted prior to the issuance of the next Office Action.


It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

Entry and consideration are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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